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Caterpillar Inc.

100 NE Adams Street
Peoria, Illinois 61629

June 1, 1990

Mr. Daniel Sullivan
Ecology and Environment, Inc.
111 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Texaco Inc. Sales Term. 33083
TDD No.: F05-8903-010
PAN: FIL0602SA
U.S. EPA No.: ILD042844456

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am contacting you about your May 22, 1990 letter to Jack Talcott regarding evaluation of the Texaco, Inc. Sales Terminal. Several years ago, Caterpillar Inc. ("Caterpillar") purchased from Texaco the property I believe you refer to in your letter. The property purchased by Caterpillar is in East Peoria and located at 1253 West Washington Street, East Peoria, Illinois 61630. Caterpillar used this property only for the storage of petroleum and fractions thereof and not for any activity involving a CERCLA hazardous substance. So far as we know, Texaco also used it for the storage of petroleum products.

Until receipt of your letter, Caterpillar was unaware that a notice under CERCLA § 103(c) had been prepared for the property, or that any hazardous waste activity may have taken place on the property. We would like to know more about the possible prior use of the property before you conduct your inspection so that we can determine whether to exercise our right to obtain a portion of samples you collect and, if so, to be fully and properly prepared to receive them. We would also like to have assurance that your inspection will not exceed the scope of U.S. EPA's authority under CERCLA. To these ends, we request that you:

1. Confirm the property you plan to inspect is the property now owned by Caterpillar which is located at 1253 West Washington Street, East Peoria, Illinois.
2. Provide a copy of the § 103(c) notification and all other information you have about the property being a location where

activities occurred involving a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant or from which there has been or may have been a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

3. Provide a copy of your site inspection plan or, if you do not have one, discuss with us the preparation of a site inspection plan. Such details as access for specialized equipment and analysis methods which U.S. EPA will use should be worked out prior to the inspection.

In addition, we would like to obtain information from U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA about the property. We will be sending Freedom of Information Act requests to both agencies to obtain such information. In the meantime, we would appreciate receiving any information you can provide to us.

Although we have been working diligently to gather information since your May 22, 1990 letter, we doubt that we will have all the necessary information by the proposed inspection date of June 26, 1990. We suggest the inspection be rescheduled for a few weeks later to late in July or early August, by which time we should have responses to the Freedom of Information Act requests. In the meantime, we will continue to review our files for documents pertaining to the property.

We trust this letter outlines a reasonable and acceptable approach and does not cause you any great inconvenience. We look forward to receiving the requested information from you and to coordinating with you your site inspection activities.

Very truly yours,



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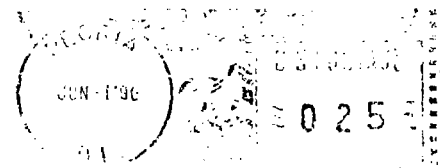


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